

Jacksonville, Fla.  
Friday, 18, 1828

The oaks are now sending down  
their old leaves in showers, making  
ready for a new suit of cloths,  
the Jessamine is in flower & the  
Coralia in bud - The floral  
year ends here Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> & commences  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. The old snake-with-its-  
tail-in-its-mouth ring might sym-  
bolize it, but would not be quite  
the thing for Pelor's finger!

Last month I saw two rattle snakes,  
all winter has the voice of the frog  
been heard in the land, last week  
we had a roaring thunder storm.  
But I must close or commence on a new  
sheet, which I shall not do, for I would  
need to date it - Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> & you would exclaim,  
What an intolerably tiresome scrib-  
bler is that

A. H. Burleigh!

Prof. A. Gray:

Dear Sir - At least  
I have your reply to my letter  
of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, & now I must, in turn,  
apologize for the delay in sending  
the set of plants I promised you.  
I did not receive the last of my  
labels till the middle of Jan., & on  
reflection I concluded that it would  
be altogether better to make up your Proc.  
with the rest, as I am now doing -  
I am distributing my plants into thirty  
sets of from 100 to 1000 specimens. For  
exchange & sale, & my progress is  
necessarily slow - I calculate to finish  
by March 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, when I will send  
your Proc., which I hope you will find  
worthy of incorporation into your pub. bin.  
After examining it - I hope you will  
be willing to write a notice of <sup>my distrib.</sup> it

for one or more foreign publications.  
But do not think that I expect this  
or any other service in return for the  
plants!

Prof. Maximowicz wrote me that  
he desired you to attend to the forwarding  
of a paper from me - I fear this  
is asking too much of you, but if you  
do not object I will send his box  
with yours (prepaid) - I fear it  
would not be safe to ship it from  
here direct to St. Petersburg.

To foreign subscribers I think it  
will be best to send Pac. F. with G. H.  
The latter I hope to have ready in Dec.  
Meanwhile I can probably find some  
party in Europe who will receive  
forward them - If I can send several  
together I will prepay the charges to Europe.  
I sent the plant which you call  
*Melodria serrata* to Dr. Chapman,  
he writes that it is what he describes

in the Gazette for Jan. - as  
*Quiedlia hirsuta*, DC. found by  
Dr. Gray at Savannah - Perhaps  
your name is a synonym -  
Many of the new plants he describes  
grow around here -

Will you be so kind as to write  
on the enclosed card the name of  
the little plant (also enclosed) if you  
recognize it. A patch of it has been  
growing in my yard ever since  
I have been here - but not till  
to-day have I seen it flower out.  
Of the three that have opened two had  
4 petals, one 6 petals, & all 5 stamens.  
It must be a relic of cultivation,  
perhaps planted by the Marchioness.  
Until I know the name of the little  
I will call it *Picciola* - What  
is there in prose more exquisite  
than Scintine's story of the  
prisoner's flower, *Picciola*?